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Gingrich seizes lead from Romney in Florida

MIAMI (AFP) - Newt Gingrich has opened up a nine-point lead over rival Mitt Romney in Florida, reversing his fortunes just a little over a week before the Republican presidential primary here, new polls showed yesterday.

Gingrich is enjoying a boost after his decisive win Saturday in South Carolina over the ex-Massachusetts governor, his main rival in the race to be the party's nominee to take on President Barack Obama in November elections.

The former House speaker was polling at 41 percent support among likely Republican voters in the state ahead of the January 31 primary, while

Romney has garnered 32 percent, according to the latest Rasmussen Reports survey.

A second poll by Insider-Advantage/Majority Opinion Research had Gingrich leading by 34.4 percent to 25.6 percent. Atlanta-based InsiderAdvantage surveyed 557 registered Republican voters on Sunday night.

Significantly, the Rasmussen poll found Romney was leading by about 11 percent among early voters.

The poll results are a stunning turnaround from barely two weeks ago, when Romney enjoyed a 22-point lead in Florida.

January 25, first Aruban National Holiday of the year...

Aruba celebrates the memory of Gilberto François "Betico" Croes

Tomorrow all of Aruba pays homage to senior statesman, Gilberto François "Betico" Croes, considered the primary instrument in the establishment of Aruba's independence and right to self-rule within the Dutch Kingdom, officially called "Status Aparte." Originally a member of the Arubaanse Volks Partij (AVP), he founded the Movimiento di Electoral di Pueblo (MEP) in 1971, and as leader of that party he became a principle negotiator and facilitator of Aruba's right to govern autonomously, earning him the informal title of "El Liberador."

Born into a very large family in the Santa Cruz district of Aruba in 1938, Betico Croes completed his secondary education on the island and then attended the Hilversum Teachers' Training College in Holland. He was certified as a Headmaster in 1959 and returned to Aruba to teach at Sint Jozef School and the Antonius College in Santa Cruz.

Betico Croes began his political career in 1967, and even though he never held a position as a deputy in the Aruban Island Government nor as a minister in a cabinet of the Netherlands Antilles, he eventually acquired great political influence as president of MEP. He earned high regard as "consejero general" (general advisor) of the Aruban coalition governments, of which MEP was a part.

Betico took up the banner of "Status Aparte" for Aruba from the other islands of the Netherlands Antilles, while remaining part of the Dutch Kingdom, and strongly promoted the concept of Aruban national pride. In 1976 he advocated and expedited the creation and adoption of an Aruban flag and national anthem.

Betico Croes led the

Aruban delegation during the decisive Round Table Conferences in February of 1981 and in March of 1983 with the Dutch Government, conducted in Den Hague. During this time, an agreement was finalized that awarded Aruba "Status Aparte" as of January 1, 1986.

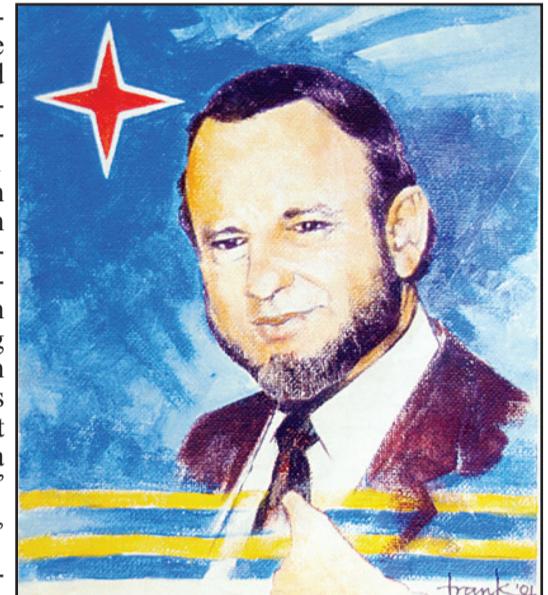
On December 31, 1985, the eve of Aruba's official independence from the Netherlands Antilles, Betico Croes was gravely injured in a traffic accident. After eleven months in a coma, he passed away on November 26, 1986.

Island dignitaries pay homage to the memory of Betico Croes with an official ceremony at the Plaza Betico Croes, located behind the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad on his birthday, which traditionally includes an address from Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman. This year the ceremony begins at 5:00 PM, with invited guests and island dignitaries arriving the half hour before. There are areas for observers to the proce-

dings, which will conclude with the national anthem "Aruba Dushi Terra" performed by musical group "Trio Arubéños".

Following the official proceeding there is a the traditional cultural program for the public under the band shell beginning at 7:00 PM, featuring noted island vocalists performing patriotic and regional songs along with traditional folkloric dance groups. It is an entertaining evening and everyone is welcome. Food stalls and handicraft booths lend a street fair ambiance. The full official observance will conclude at 10:30 PM.

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Things to do on “Betico Day”



Open house at Fort Zoutman



New home of Ranco exposition

Aruba's institutions and neighborhood centers go all-out for the first national holiday of the year; this is the opportunity to visit local museums, participate in historic races, or ob-

serve and absorb some local culture and discover the Aruba that exists beyond the beaches

Aside from the events in the Plaza Betico Croes, behind the Cas di Cultura, beginning at

5:00 PM, a number of community centers and sport federations will conduct various activities beginning early in the day, the most famous being the Betico Croes Memorial 6k and 10k Fun Run/Walk, conducted by IDE-FRE.

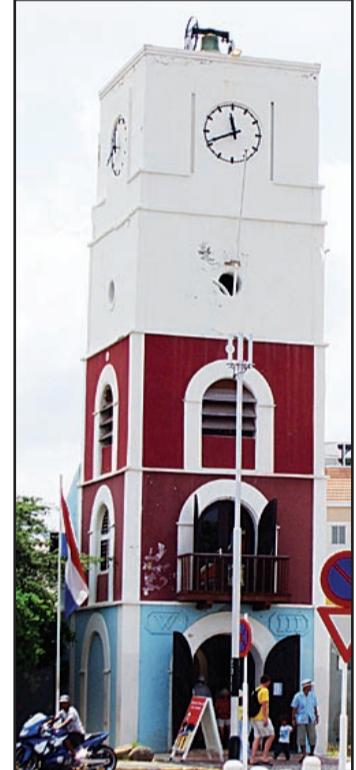
This year, the prestigious event that attracts athletes from all over the region, Europe and the U.S., will begin at the main traffic light in Santa Cruz and end at the Betico Memorial Sport Hall nearby. Starting gun for 10K participants goes off at 4:45PM and the 6K race begins at 5:15PM; participants should arrive



MANA

many featuring special exhibits. Trace Aruba's culture from prehistoric to present at the Historical Museum in Fort Zoutman, or relive the pre-historic life of the Amerindians at Aruba's Archeological Museum (MANA). Both are located in the heart of Oranjestad and quite close together, allowing interested parties to take in both.

MANA will be open from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM; this will be preceded at 9:00 PM by the opening of a new exhibit at



Fort Zoutman open for holidays

their annex, the former Numismatic Museum, located just behind the Oranjestad bus terminal. The landmark building will house the “Rancho” exposition, which showcases that highly historic area of town, where the museums are located.

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Runners from many countries come for the race

at one hour prior. Inscription for the event is open today at the IDEFRE office in the Certified Mega Mall in Oranjestad and the fee is 15 Aruban florins (\$9) for the 10K and 10 Aruban florins, (\$5.50) for the 6K. Very nice trophies are awarded in several divisions.

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Aruban artist Waldy Simson will be exhibiting in Suriname

Recently it was decided to schedule the Caribbean Festival for the Arts, Carifesta, an event in which the whole Caribbean participates, Carifesta sometime in mid 2013.

Aruban artist Waldy Simson has been invited by the Department of Culture, a part of the Ministry of Education and Public Development of Suriname, to participate in Carifesta 2013, as they are the host country for the event.

Simson has also received an invitation to host a solo exhibition adjacent to Carifesta 2013, during the second half of July 2013, while participation at Carifesta 2013 will take place in August.

Waldy Simson continues his fundraising activities to



cover the cost of participating and hosting the exhibitions. He wishes to thank everyone who has supported him in the effort and all those yet to do so; this is a dream realized for Simson and prestigious for the island of Aruba. Those interested in purchasing a work to support this goal can contact him waldysimson@hotmail.com.

ORANJESTAD—Subway announces to its loyal clientele that due to remodeling being done, its Seaport branch will be temporarily closed for approximately 2 weeks.

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They be dancing through the puddles for the Balloon Parade



The first children's parade of Carnival 58, the Parada di Blas, or Balloon Parade, featured 9 groups and over 1350 participants who were thoroughly soaked to the skin, along with most spectators, when they finally completed their circuitous route through the streets of San Nicolas on Sunday afternoon, January 22.

"Perhaps we should rebrand this the "Umbrella Parade" mused one parent, who recalled that for the last few years they have experienced



the same outpouring of aqueous blessings from above. Undaunted, adorably costumed youngsters and humorously garbed parents splashed their way along, demonstrating their dancing talent and carnival spirit for the enjoyment of



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Betico Day at UNOCA, the Museums & Galeries

ORANJESTAD -- All of Aruba is cordially invited to come out and join in the festivities on Betico Day and join in the different cultural and fun activities.

UNOCA will swing open the doors of her exposition halls from 10 o'clock in the morning until 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to come by and see the beautiful collection of art works of our own local artists. There will also be opportunity to purchase books of Aruban authors.

At 10:30 am Shewila Werneman, well known for her "Cleconchi," will be there to tell stories to the children. At 11:30 Bon Nichi Drumi Dushi will read a story to our children. While the stories will be especially for children, you can be sure that even the grown ups will enjoy them.

At 12:30 noon the Grupo di Noord will give a presentation from their book "Remedinan di Tera." There will be ample opportunity for questions and answers. Regrettably the book is no longer in print, but is in

the process of being reprinted. One could register and reserve a copy.

There will be lots of children's games, picture taking moments, and more. Every visitor will have an opportunity to win a book from UNOCA.

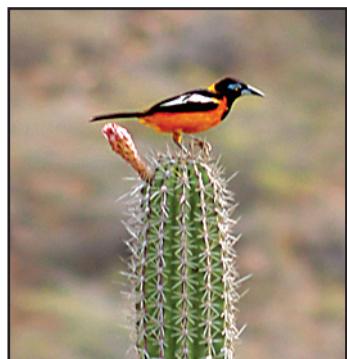
Six Museums and Galleries of Aruba have united forces to offer the Aruban community the opportunity to enjoy the "Ruta di Museo y Galeria." The doors of all 6 museums will open at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 2:00pm in



the afternoon. The six cities are: UNOCA at Stadionweg 21, StudiO, adjacent to UNOCA, the National Archeological Museum of Aruba at Schelpstraat 42, Stichting Rancho at Weststraat, the Historical Mu-

Betico Day

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Bird watching in Arikok Park

UNOCA, located at Stadionweg 2, just off the Rotunda Las Americas, where the Cas di Cultura is located, will also feature an open house. UNOCA is the agency that funds many of the island's cultural efforts and is home to a gallery of works by native artists. They feature books, pamphlets and CD's of original and local prose, poetry and music, which are for sale.

Arikok National Park will also welcome visitors throughout while suspending their usual \$8 fee; beautiful vistas and appealing hiking trails await those who wish to commune with Aruba's nature. Greet photo ops and an informative visitor's center will enlighten you as to the true nature of the island's environment.

The Police Academy in San Nicolas is featuring an open house with a demonstration by their newly certified K-9 Corps among other exercises demonstrating the role and preparedness of our Police Corps.

All over Aruba, you will see islanders enjoying this day in various ways, and visitors are always welcome to share the experience, and usually a cold beer, as Arubans are very hospitable and proud to share their history and culture with vacationers. Do stop and take pictures and ask what is going on when you spy an interesting activity, someone will be happy to explain their event.

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International News

Croatians say hello to EU and goodbye to Balkans

ZAGREB (AFP) - Croatia welcomed the prospect of a symbolic break with the rest of the Balkans Monday after two-thirds of voters endorsed its EU entry, despite signs that the eurozone crisis has damped enthusiasm.

The country's prospective new partners in the European Union also welcomed the outcome of Sunday's referendum which should ensure that Croatia becomes the bloc's 28th member in July next year.

"Goodbye Balkans!" said a headline of the largest circulating Vecernji List paper.

With this vote "Croatia is turning its back to the Balkans, to the Balkans political tradition but not in the sense that it will avoid its regional obligation" to help neighbouring countries, political commentator Davor Gjenero told AFP.

Sunday's vote means that Croatia should become the second ex-Yugoslav state to join the EU.

Slovenia became an EU members in 2004, while Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Bosnia and Kosovo all have aspirations to join the club.

The run-up to the vote had seen all the major parties try to persuade voters that EU membership would nail down Croatia's place in the heart of Europe, orientating itself away from a corner of the continent that has been ravaged by con-

flict in the last few decades. "It is a historic decision ... possibly a turning point in our history," Prime Minister Zoran Milanovic said after the election commission released the results.

Serbian President Boris Tadic was among the first to congratulate the former foes on what he said was also a "positive signal for the whole region."

EU integration is the "only path through which we (Balkan countries) can leave conflicts behind us and open new chapters of peace, tolerance and cooperation," Tadic said.

Only slightly more than 43 percent of voters cast ballots in the referendum, almost 11 percent lower than turnout in December's general election.

Social Democrat leader Milanovic, whose centre-left coalition ousted the corruption-plagued conservative HDZ last month, attributed the turnout to disillusionment with politicians and the country's economic difficulties.

Croatia has been in recession for most of the past three years.

Many of the politicians most closely involved with the marathon negotiations on EU membership have been embroiled with scandal, including the former HDZ prime minister Ivo Sanader who is now on trial for corruption.

Tycoon Nadir 'stole £150m', British court hears

LONDON (AFP) - Turkish-Cypriot business magnate Asil Nadir, who was one of Britain's most infamous fugitives, stole almost £150 million from his Polly Peck business empire, a court heard Monday.

The prosecution at the Old Bailey in London said Nadir, 70, abused his position as chairman and chief executive of the company in the 1980s and early 1990s and stole money for the benefit of himself, his family and his friends.

The court heard the money, the current equivalent of 180 million euros or \$234 million, went through a complicated web of transactions, which included being transferred to a bank Nadir owned in his native northern Cyprus.

Nadir, 70, fled to northern Cyprus in 1993, months before he was due to stand trial for fraud, but dramatically returned to Britain in August 2010 and was immediately arrested.

He denies 13 counts alleging he stole £34 million.

The businessman became the darling of the London stock market after building up Polly Peck International (PPI) in the 1980s and early 1990s from a small firm into a company with products ranging from textiles to electronics.

Prosecutor Philip Shears said: "He abused that power and helped himself to tens of millions of pounds of PPI's money."

Most of the funds ended up "within a fairly complex structure of offshore companies" based in Switzerland, the Bahamas and elsewhere he added.

Two more bodies found in Italy cruise shipwreck

GIGLIO ISLAND (AFP) - Rescuers found the bodies of two women in the wreck of an Italian ship on Monday bringing the death toll to 15, as a Dutch company was given the go-ahead to pump out its 2,380 tons of fuel.

The grim discovery near the Costa Concordia cruise liner's Internet cafe came after navy frogmen used explosive to blow open more access points for divers.

"We cannot tell what nationality they were. They haven't been extracted" from the half-submerged vessel, Franco Gabrielli, who is overseeing search and rescue operations on the Tuscan island of Giglio said.

Gabrielli said that DNA from the corpses would be compared to that of relatives of the missing, some of whom are awaiting anxiously on the shore with no news of their loved ones 10 days after the night-time disaster.

Seventeen people are officially still missing.

Gabrielli said the search of the 114,500-ton ship would continue "until all parts of the vessel that can be inspected have been checked out" and that a complex operation to empty the fuel tanks could be carried out at the same time.

The operation, known as "hot-tapping", involves pumping the fuel out into a nearby ship and replacing it with water so as not to affect the ship's balance.

Environmentalists say the fuel tanks have to be emptied as soon as possible to avert an environmental catastrophe in Europe's biggest marine sanctuary.

Gabrielli said there has already been some contamination of the sea from toxic substances on board although tests carried out by the environmental agency on samples of sea water near the wreck showed no hydrocarbon pollution.

The coastguard said that emptying the fuel tanks would take 28 days and was expected to start as early as Tuesday. There will be three lines of booms around the ship while the operation is going on to avoid possible spills.

Gabrielli also said that emergency workers were trying to clear out the inside of the wreckage, saying that the decomposition of food products, the clutter of furniture and the turbid waters were complicating the work.

Navy spokesman Alessandro Busonero also said an oceanographic ship, the Galatea, had arrived on Giglio to help search for more bodies on the sea bed with the help of high-resolution imaging equipment.

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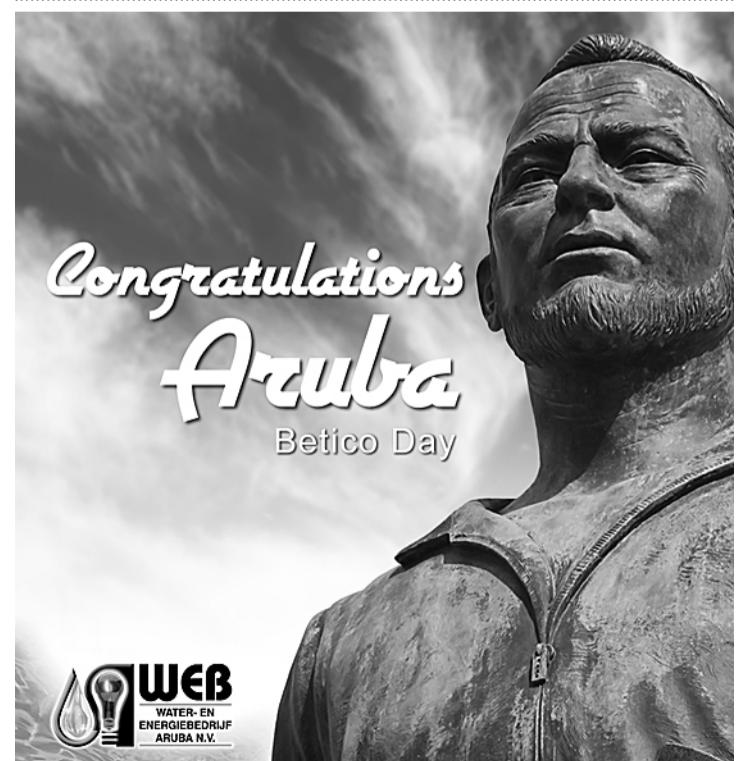


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In Aruba's political history we have a handful of personalities who left their signature in our history book. However, the fight, perseverance, courage, and determination of a "Son of the Land," Betico Croes, excelled since he committed himself in 1971 with the people of Aruba to take leadership in Aruba's longtime desire to be an autonomous state in the Dutch Kingdom.



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On January 25th, Aruba proudly celebrates Betico Croes Day, an extraordinary and visionary politician who guided Aruba to its Status Aparte (in 1986)



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On this special day Post Aruba would like to extend words of congratulations to the Aruban community

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Biography of Mr. Gilberto François Croes

Who is Gilberto Francois Croes, better known as Betico?

Gilberto F. (Betico) Croes is one of the great statesmen of Aruba. He was born on January 25, 1938 and died November 26, 1986.

Betico was raised in Santa Cruz. He was a very social person and much loved by his community. He studied to become a school teacher. At a relatively young age he entered politics. Betico wanted every Aruban to feel proud of being Aruban.

Before the end of his struggle, Betico ensured that everything was properly arranged. His wish was for us to continue the struggle. Betico would often remind us: "If I fall on the way, take up the flag and continue the struggle."

His struggle ended on November 26, 1986, but what he left behind for us is what is visible up to today.

Betico, was a son of the people, chosen by the people who also worked for the people.

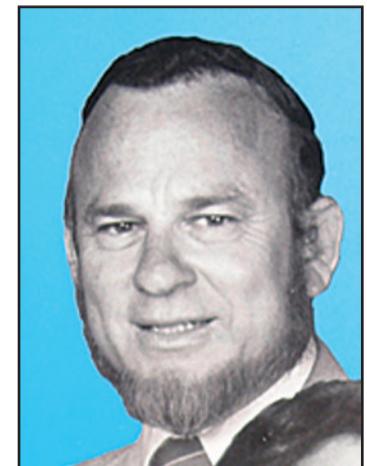
The fruit of our Apart Status that Betico left for us gave us our own National Anthem and Flag, our own Constitution, our own Parliament and our own Governor. Our National Anthem and Flag was the beginning of the great changes for the island of Aruba. These were all some of the work of this great statesman.

By sheer coincidence the 18th of March 1973 was exactly 25 years after the historic Round Table Conference of 1948 where the motion for Aruba to come out from under the Antillean constellation was presented and accepted.

This was a struggle that began with the deceased Mr. Henny Eman Sr. and which continued in earnest by Mr. Juancho E. Irausquin, but was ultimately achieved through the perseverance and determination of Betico Croes.

The successful struggle ultimately became the pride of the people who always believed in the integrity and capacity of our people. The struggle was ultimately crowned with the Status Aparte (Apart Status) which opened the way for major changes for this small island.

On the 12th of March 1983 Betico's eager quest was made concrete. The great leader achieved his yearning for his people, which was the Status Aparte. The insistence of the



struggle began with the National Anthem and Flag, which became the moral and spiritual support. Last year Aruba began celebrating its 25 years of Status Aparte and 35 years of our National Anthem and Flag.

The love and pride of the Aruban people for our National Anthem and Flag is evidenced from the national colors which have received unprecedented acceptance in every household on the island.

Brief History of Gilberto François (Betico) Croes: (1938 – 1986)

1938: Born January 25th in Santa Cruz, Aruba.

STUDENT LIFE:

1944 – 1954: Secondary School at St. Jozef School, Santa Cruz, today, Colegio San Hose; H.B.S., 3rd class at Sint Dominicus College, Oranjestad;

1954 – 1959: Kweekschool in Holland.

SCHOOL TEACHER:

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SOCIAL LIFE:

His social, sports and cultural activities were many. He was very active in, among others, Aruba Table Tennis Association, in Aruba Sport Unie, in S.V. Estrella, member of the Estrella Musical band and member of the Santa Cruz Parish Council as well as a leader of the "Maria Inmaculata" Choir in Santa Cruz.

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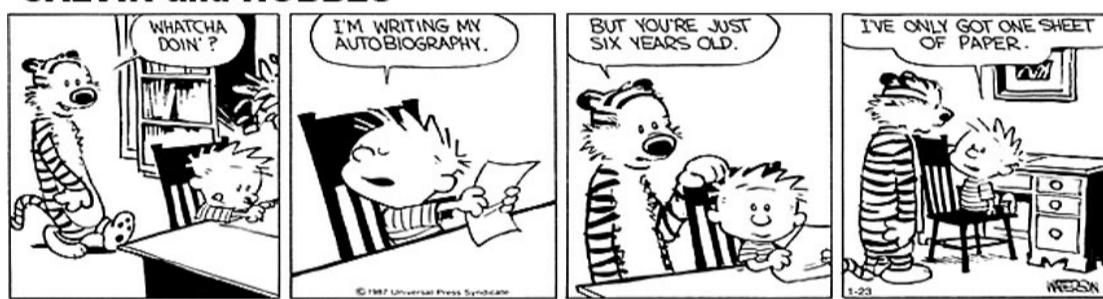
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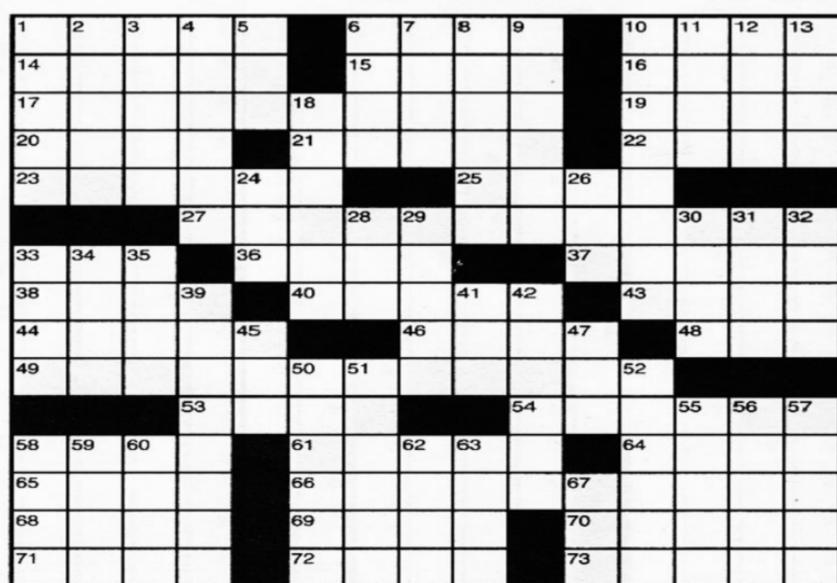
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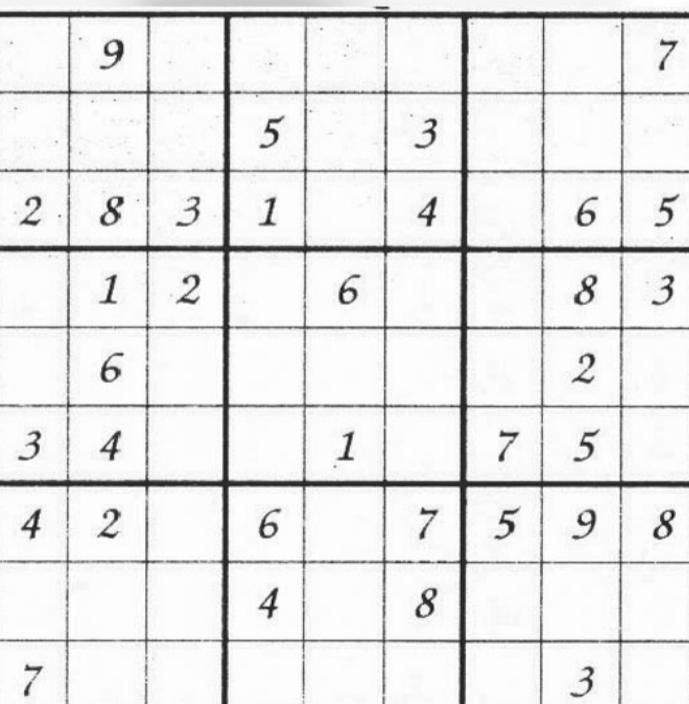
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Finance

Oil rallies after EU slaps embargo on Iran oil exports

LONDON (AFP) - Oil prices rallied Monday after the EU slapped an embargo on Iran's crude exports as part of tough new sanctions aimed at stopping the key oil producer from funding its disputed nuclear programme.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in March climbed \$1.17 to \$111.03 a barrel in London late afternoon deals after the widely-expected move.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate crude for March, won \$1.04 to \$99.37 a barrel.

The oil ban, along with sanctions against Iran's central

bank and other measures, come amid mounting concerns of confrontation after the UN atomic agency reported Tehran was inching ever closer to building a nuclear bomb.

"Iran continues to defy UN resolutions and enriches uranium to 20 percent for which there is no civilian explanation," said British Foreign Secretary William Hague, as he joined foreign ministers from the 27-nation bloc to decide the sanctions.

After weeks of fraught talks on the terms of an embargo expected to hurt financially-distressed European Union nations, the ministers agreed on

an immediate ban on oil imports and a gradual phase-out of existing contracts between now and July 1.

They also froze the assets of the country's central bank "while ensuring that legitimate trade can continue under strict conditions", a statement said.

In the toughest action yet to reduce Iran's ability to fund a nuclear weapons programme, the EU outlawed petrochemical imports and investments and banned the sale of gold, diamonds and other precious metals.

Tehran insists its nuclear programme is exclusively for peaceful, civilian use.

Brazil picks woman to head state-run oil giant Petrobras

BRASILIA (AFP) - The Brazilian government has picked top Petrobras executive Maria das Gracas Silva Foster to become the first woman to head the state-run oil giant, the company said Monday.

The government will propose to the Petrobras board of directors that Foster, currently head of the company's gas and energy unit, replace chief executive Jose Sergio Gabrielli, it added in a statement.

Petrobras said the board of directors meeting at Brazil's biggest company would take place on February 9.

The announcement followed press reports on the Petrobras leadership change.

"The president of the Petrobras board of directors, (Finance Minister) Guido Mantega has already indicated that he will propose to the next board meeting on February 9 the appointment of the current head of the gas and energy unit, Maria das Gracas Silva Foster, to head Petrobras," the statement noted.

The 55-year-old Foster, who is said to be close to President Dilma Rousseff, has been with Petrobras since 1978 when she joined the company as an intern.

She is reputed to manage with "an iron fist."

The daily O Estado de S. Paulo, quoting industry sources, said Monday that Gabrielli, 62, planned to leave Petrobras to pursue other plans in his home state of Bahia.

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Chinese-Indonesians celebrate once-forbidden roots



Indonesians perform a dragon dance celebrating Chinese New Year in the Ancol park in Jakarta. The Lunar new year is the most important holiday on the Chinese calendar.

JAKARTA (AFP) - A troupe of lion dancers jerk and sway down a busy Jakarta street to usher in the Chinese New Year, moving to the beat of traditional instruments and handing out red envelopes inscribed with good wishes in Chinese characters.

Such a scene would be unthinkable just over a decade ago, when former dictator Suharto ruled Indonesia with an iron hand and disallowed any expression of the Chinese minority's own heritage.

"If you opened a shop with Chinese characters on it, it'd be closed down," said Adrian Yap, 25.

In 1967, two years after a failed coup by the Indonesian Communist Party, Suharto cracked down on Chinese art, music, literature, language and other cultural expressions.

But since the dictator was ousted in 1998, these have flowered again in the world's most populous Muslim nation, where the mostly non-Islamic Chinese minority makes up only a small fraction of its 240 million inhabitants.

In 2003, the Lunar New Year was declared a national holiday and this year -- as the nation marks the 10th year of unrestricted celebrations -- nearly all of Jakarta's glitzy

malls are festooned for the occasion.

Red-and-gold banners with Chinese characters decorate many shopping centres, and Lunar New Year parades are scheduled around the city.

Workers at Jakarta's upscale Plaza Indonesia mall greet shoppers in traditional Chinese clothes as Chinese music wafts from the speakers.

Across the city, passersby are greeted by colourful banners wishing them a happy "Imlek," as the locals call the holiday.

"When I was growing up the celebrations were all hush-hush, said Jevelin Wendiadi, a 24-year-old university teacher.

"Everybody knew that during Imlek you would visit relatives at home. But you wouldn't go out to malls like you do now. You'd have no idea it was Imlek, it was like any other day," she said.

"Today when you walk around there is atmosphere, decorations, music. Outside, there are even fireworks at night."

The festive season is not only embraced by Chinese-Indonesians but also by retailers, who look forward to more business.

In the run up to the Lunar New Year newspapers have been filled with hotel and restaurant adverts, offering special new year's packages and deals.

Oprah tells India love of books central to her life

JAIPUR (AFP) - Television chatshow queen Oprah Winfrey received a rock star's welcome when she spoke on Sunday to a heaving audience of thousands of fans at the Jaipur Literature Festival in India.

Winfrey, told the packed crowd that her love of books had helped her education and enabled her to rise from a poor childhood in Mississippi to become one of the world's most influential women.

Winfrey, who ended her chatshow last year after 25 years, has been in India for a

week filming for her new TV channel, the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN).

She drew laughter by saying she was shocked at the huge number of people everywhere and at drivers' refusal to stop at a red light, but said she had learned that there was a "calmness" underneath the chaos of Indian life.

Winfrey, who has nearly nine million followers on Twitter, admitted that she worried that reading habits are being damaged by increasing use of computers for social networking.



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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments



Rosie and Aaron love their Burger too

be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner – daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit



The Farmer Burger with the Best Onion Rings

Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

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NFL: Giants, Patriots advance to Super Bowl rematch

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - The New England Patriots and New York Giants booked a rematch of their dramatic 2008 Super Bowl showdown with tense playoff triumphs on Sunday to reach next month's NFL championship spectacle.

Lawrence Tynes kicked a 31-yard field goal after 7:54 of over-time to give the Giants a 20-17 triumph over the San Francisco 49ers in the National Conference final and a berth in Super Bowl 46 on February 5 at Indianapolis.

At New England, the Patriots overcame three turnovers and a sub-par performance from quarterback Tom Brady to edge the Baltimore Ravens 23-20 in the American Conference final and advance to their seventh Super Bowl.

Brady scored the winning points on a 1-yard run with 11:29 remaining but the outcome was not settled until Baltimore kicker Billy Cundiff missed wide left on a 32-yard field goal attempt with 11 seconds remaining.

Super Bowl 46 will be a rematch of the 2008 title game, in which the Giants edged the Patriots 17-14 to deny New England an unbeaten run to the crown, and a regular-season game last November that was won by the Giants 24-20.

The Patriots have not lost since falling to the Giants, winning 10 games in a row.

New York lost four in a row after beating New England then won three of their last four games just to seize the last vacant playoff berth, then beat Atlanta and upset Green Bay and the 49ers.

The Giants are 3-1 all-time in Super Bowls, having won in 1987 and 1991 as well as 2008 while losing to Baltimore in 2001.

New England has won the Super Bowl three times, all under Brady's direction, in

2002, 2004 and 2005. The Patriots lost the championship spectacle in 1986 and 1997 as well as 2008.

The Giants had the benefit of two botched punt returns by San Francisco's Kyle Williams in taking the triumph.

New York's Jacquian Williams knocked loose a fumble from the 49ers' Williams and the Giants' Devin Thomas recovered at the 49ers' 24-yard line, setting the stage for Tynes' winning kick.

Another turning point came when New York punted but regained possession of the ball after it bounced off the left knee of San Francisco's Williams and was recovered by the Giants, setting up Manning's 17-yard touchdown pass to Mario Manningham, putting the Giants back on top at 17-14 with 8:34 to play.

The 49ers, who had two touchdown passes from Alex Smith to Vernon Davis, forced over-time on a 25-yard David Akers field goal with 5:39 in regulation.

At New England, Brady, who will match John Elway with a record five career Super Bowl starts, improved to 10-2 in home playoff games and 5-1 in conference finals over his 11 seasons.

But he was only 22-of-36 for 239 yards two interceptions on Sunday.

Brady dived over his blockers on a fourth-down play inches from the goal line for a touchdown that gave the Patriots a 23-20 lead with 11:29 remaining.

The Patriots took over with 2:45 remaining but could not run out the clock, setting the stage for Baltimore's final drive, which ended in heartbreak after an end-zone pass drop by Lee Evans and Cundiff's final miss.



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Tennis: Djokovic fights off Hewitt to reach quarters

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Defending champion Novak Djokovic repulsed a tenacious fightback from Lleyton Hewitt to join last year's finalist Andy Murray in the quarter-finals of the Australian Open on Monday.

The Serb world number one was tested for the first time and dropped his only set of the tournament so far before extinguishing Hewitt's challenge, 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 in almost three hours.

Djokovic will now face Spanish fifth seed David Ferrer in Wednesday's quarter-finals after Ferrer's straight-sets win over Frenchman Richard Gasquet.

The Serbian world number one was in command for the opening two sets before the fiercely competitive Australian veteran hit back, taking the match into a fourth set.

Murray, the British fourth seed, was on court for only 49 minutes before his Kazakh opponent Mikhail Kukushkin retired early in the third set with a hip flexor injury.

Murray said he was looking to hit the practice courts to retain his sharpness ahead of Wednesday's quarter-final after Kukushkin pulled out while trailing 6-1, 6-1, 1-0.

The Scot admitted he was bored by his one-sided match

with struggling Kukushkin.

Murray, a beaten finalist in the past two Australian Opens, said while he was happy to conserve energy in the sapping heat, he needed to put in some work to prepare for tougher matches ahead.

Japan's Kei Nishikori will be Murray's surprise opponent in the quarters after his stunning five-set victory over former finalist Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Monday.





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During a recent General Assembly meeting attended by the majority of the federations, the 2012 budget as well as the plan of action for the new year was presented and approved for the Aruba Olympic Committee (COA). This approval from the federations is indicative of the support that COA has for their management of the organization.

Every year COA holds two assemblies of general meetings with her 24 member athletic federations. The first assembly is to present the financial report of all the activities of the past year, and in the second half of the year they meet to deal with the budget and plan of activities for the next year.

For various reasons they moved the schedule for the second assembly to the month of January. They are convinced that this date guarantees better attendance and more active participation.

The assembly began with the President's report of the activities of 2011. This was followed by the remembrance of a great stalwart of athletics who passed away having ded-

icated his life to athletics. For this, a minute of silence was observed in respect and admiration to Jerry Gomes who just recently passed away.

The Treasurer, Edwin Roos, presented the 2012 budget. With the help of accounting firm Ernst & Young they were able to present the budget in a more realistic and simple manner so everyone could understand this.

The Secretary General, Nicole Hoevertsz, presented the management plan, with details of projects and activities planned for the year, some of which coincidentally have already begun. Obviously, Aruba's participation at the London Olympic Games in July dominated the calendar for 2012. They also presented a list of other activities that COA wishes to undertake and developments they intend to continue this year.

The Management Plan and the Budget for 2012 were approved without objections by the assembly.

Finally, an interesting presentation by the four sector directors of COA, which are, the Technical Director, Director of

Development, Olympic Director and the Director of Marketing, was presented.

Patrick Werleman, Director of COA, introduced this segment on the agenda placing emphasis on the unity of the work of the different directors and the 9 active commissions of COA. Each director then gave an explanation of their priorities outlined for 2012. The four directors are: Edmundo Josiah, Robbie Falconi, and Patrick Werleman, who also acted on behalf of the one absent director, Sue Ann Leong.

One serious matter requiring immediate action by the

federations, according to COA, is the issue of doping. The president of the Anti-Doping Commission, Angelique Koolman shared some valuable information with the members regarding this matter.

The Aruba Olympic Committee expects the year 2012 to be another exciting and successful year. Obviously, they expect to succeed only if every federation, staff, commission and Board of COA render their support and have confidence in the organization. Their goal is to continue elevating the organization and sports on Aruba.

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